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LETTER DATED 13 OCTOBER 1993 FROM THE CHARGE D'AFFAIRES A.I. OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you that the Armenian army has renewed vigorous military action in the south-west of Azerbaijan in violation of the cease-fire agreements.

Yesterday, 12 October 1993, after intensive artillery preparation, units of the Armenian armed forces, launching an attack to the south, captured a further four inhabited localities - Sheibeili, Chafan, Safarsha and Nusgar - in the Djebrail region of Azerbaijan.

The military action is being conducted in immediate proximity to the Azerbaijan-Iran frontier. According to information that has been received, the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran is also coming under artillery fire.

The attack by the armed Armenian formations caused panic among the population and led to new flows of refugees.

On the same day, 12 October, the defensive positions of the Azerbaijan army in the Geranboy region of Azerbaijan also came under intensive fire.

In connection with the unceasing aggression of Armenia against Azerbaijan and the escalation of military action in immediate proximity to the Azerbaijan-Iran frontier, which may have extremely serious consequences, I request the Security Council, on instructions from my Government, to take the most effective measures to halt the further capture of new territories and inhabited localities in Azerbaijan.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated forthwith as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar ALIYEV
Chargé d'affaires a.i.